GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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WASTE DISPOSAL
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the present arrangement for scientific disposal of uranium/nuclear waste without endangering human life;

(b) if so, furnish details thereof alongwith proposals received in this regard and action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government are considering a proposal to constitute a multidisciplinary team comprising of Medical personnel, radiologists, ecologists, sociologists, chemists to study and existing arrangement regarding disposal of nuclear waste; and

(d) if so, furnish action plan for the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Management of radio-active wastes including their disposal in safe manner has been in practice in India for over 3 decades. Our practices are in keeping with the highest standards of safety in respect of the environment in general and members of public in particular. Waste management is carried out in conformity with the guidelines prescribed by the Atomic Energy RegulatoryBoard (AERB), which is the Indian Nuclear Safety Regulatory AuthorityThese guidelines are based on internationally accepted principles, as endorsed by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

(c) The Department of Atomic Energy has a team of competent experts coveringall the relevant disciplines and hence the question of constituting a multi-disciplinary team does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.